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I HAD GROMYKO TO LUNCH TODAY RETURNING HIS HOSPITALITY TO ME. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ZORIN AND SOLDATOV. I HAD MERCHANT AND THOMPSON. WE WENT OVER MUCH OF THE GROUND COVERED BY THE CONFERENCE WITH NO CHANGE OF POSITION ON EITHER SIDE. GROMYKO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HE ATTACHED TO THE CHANGE IN THEIR LATEST POSITION FROM THEIR EARLIER PROPOSALS IN THAT AT THE END OF THE PERIOD OF ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION. I POINTED OUT THAT THE REST OF THE PAPER HE HAD GIVEN US MADE QUITE CLEAR THAT WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MET AT THE END OF THE FIXED PERIOD WESTERN RIGHTS IN BERLIN WOULD VIRTUALLY HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED.

I SAID I HOPE THAT DURING THE PERIOD THE CONFERENCE WAS IN RECESS NOTHING WOULD BE DONE TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.
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IN THIS CONNECTION I POINTED OUT THAT OUR HIGH ALTITUDE FLIGHTS WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE PROVOCATIVE BUT MERELY THE RESULT OF THE NEW PLANES WE WERE USING WHICH COULD ONLY FLY EFFICIENTLY AT HIGH ALTITUDES. GROMYKO MERELY REITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION ON THIS QUESTION.

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